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SUBJECT: CHASE MANHATTAN REQUEST FOR OPIC INSURANCE

REF: HAWKINS LETTER OF 8/24/77

- 1. EMBASSY BELIEVES ALL STATEMENTS REGARDING PURPOSE AND NATURE OF PROPOSED CHASE INVESTMENT IN IVORY COAST TO BE ACCURATE. CHASE HAS HAD REPRESENTATIVE RESIDENT IN ABIDJAN FOR LAST TWO YEARS LAYING GROUNDWORK FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF BRANCH, IN WAKE OF CITIBANK'S OPENING OF BRANCH IN 1975. AT \$2.5 MILLION, CHASE'S INVESTMENT WOULD BE ROUGHLY TWICE CITIBANK'S.
- 2. CHASE WILL BE SEVENTH INSTITUTION OFFERING NORMAL COMMERCIAL BANKING SERVICES IN ABIDJAN. THE RAPIDLY GROWING IVORIAN ECONOMY IS FULLY ABLE TO SUSTAIN THIS OR EVEN LARGER NUMBER OF BANKS, AND PRESENCE OF ADDITIONAL US BANK HERE SHOULD BE VERY HELPFUL IN PROMOTING EXPANSION OF US-IVORIAN TRADE AND INVESTMENT TIES. COOKE

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